

Working with communities

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—MARGARET MEAD



Every town has heritage it wants to honor. Every town has kids who need a place to play. But the resources to make these dreams come true are often beyond what is available locally. Those on the frontlines of preserving community history and providing close-to-home recreation know that when they need help, they can call on an experienced partner: the National Park Service. Offering grants to preserve battlefields, surplus federal property for community parks, national recognition for local landmarks, federal tax incentives to rehab historic properties, and funds to build playgrounds and trails, the National Park Service has provided support and guidance to virtually every county in America. Sometimes a place is so important that its stature exceeds local boundaries and has significance for all Americans. Consider Topaz.

Left: A painter enjoys the newly completed waterfront park on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, thanks in part to a National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. Right: A child tries on a period costume as part of Curwaga Valley National Park's recreation initiative for local residents.

